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Media Advisory

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INS Milwaukee to Conduct Educational Outreach Seminars on certain Provisions of the LIFE Act

The Milwaukee Office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) has scheduled three seminars to explain and answer questions about the "V" and "K" visas, which are both provisions under the Legal Immigration and Family Equity Act (LIFE). The LIFE Act was enacted in December 2000 and the "V" and "K" visas are two of several immigration benefits provided under this law.

The "V" visa provides nonimmigrant status to certain spouses and minor children of lawful permanent residents, allowing them to reside and work in the United States while waiting to obtain immigrant status.

Prior to the enactment of the LIFE Act, the "K" visa was available only to fiancé(e)s of U.S. citizens. Under the LIFE Act, the "K" visa was expanded to include spouses and minor children of U.S. citizens who are waiting abroad for an immigrant visa. Those eligible are allowed to enter the United States as non-immigrants and apply for immigrant status while in the country. Both the "V" and "K" visas were established in order to re-unite families who are awaiting a benefit from the INS.

INS Officers will be present at the scheduled forums to provide information using a Power Point presentation and to distribute handouts to explain the eligibility requirements for these two visas. They will also be available to answer general questions from the public.

All three outreach seminars will take place at the Milwaukee INS office located at 310 East Knapp Street between 1pm and 3pm. Following are the scheduled dates:

Friday, November 30, 2001

Friday, December 7, 2001

Friday, December 14, 2001

Please be aware that everyone entering an INS facility will be subject to security screening for weapons and contraband. All individuals will be required to present a photo identification when entering the Milwaukee INS office.